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**ANCHORAGE MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT
TO CHARGES OF SELLING CRACK COCAINE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on February 29, 2007, Bernard Yamura White, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of selling crack cocaine.

White, age 27, of 1205 West 79th Avenue, pleaded guilty to four counts of distribution of controlled substances before Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Frank V. Russo advised the court that White distributed a total amount of 43 grams of crack cocaine, 6.7 grams of methamphetamine, and .9 grams of powder cocaine over the course of four separate occasions in October 2007.

Judge Sedwick scheduled sentencing for May 23, 2008. The law provides for a sentence on each count of no more than 40 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of five years in prison, a fine of \$2,000,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offenses the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court continued White's detention.

The Anchorage Police Department Metro Drug Enforcement Unit conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of White.

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